

Luminaries

Oct. 12, 2015

Indian River Co., St. Lucie Co., Martin Co.

Where the Stars Come Out Every Monday

STARS WERE OUT

Walk a Mile in her Shoes for SafeSpace



Indian River County's Team Diana Duve, Dinise Giannavel, Phil Tanora and Barbara Castagna



Vero Beach's Moe Terrebbonne, Board Pres. Elect Linda Hengerer and Current Pres. Tom Manwaring



Martin County C-Chairs Melissa Zolla and Sponsor Jeff Endriss with St. Lucie Co-Chairs Carissa Grone and James Taylor



Indian River Co-Chairs Eric Flowers and Lewana Dupree



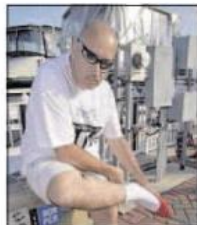
Martin County's Rob Ranieri, County Commissioner Doug Smith and St. Lucie's Sarah Howard



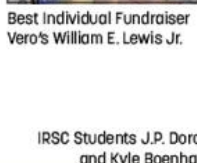
Dan Pimpo



Martin County's Pete Morello with SLC's County Commissioner and Winner of Best Team Spirit Award Tod Mowery



Best Individual Fundraiser Vero's William E. Lewis Jr.



IRSC Students J.P. Doron and Kyle Boenham



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By **MADYANN KETCHAM**
For Luminaries

The annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event for SafeSpace brought men from across the Treasure Coast to Fort Pierce's Marina Square on Saturday to "walk her walk!"

More than 210 pre-registered walkers and many last minute sign-ups accepted the challenge of walking a mile wearing red stiletto heels in an effort to increase awareness, fundraise and start conversations about domestic violence.

The one mile trek through the center of the Farmer's Market and the heart of downtown marked the culmination of months of planning by an army of SafeSpace volunteers and staff members.

Nyla Pipes of the Inner Truth and her husband Don became

involved because, "I grew up in domestic violence and I worry about the thousands of children growing up the same way I did. If we can raise awareness, we can begin solving the problem," she said.

This year was the first time that the three local counties, Martin, Indian River and St. Lucie, walked as one.

And, according to Director of Development Tracy Levy, it was the first time that Walk a Mile ever sold out!

At the completion of the walk, the following awards were presented: Largest Team, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office; Top Individual Fundraiser, William E. Lewis; Top Fundraising Team, Team Diana Duve; Top Team Spirit, SLC County Commissioner Tod Mowery.

Learn more about SafeSpace, the only certified domestic violence shelter on the Treasure Coast, at SafeSpaceFL.org